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DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES AVAILABLE TO CITIES

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Service	Description	Department
Assessment and tax collection	Assesses annually all taxable property in the County. Prepares assessment roll including all taxable land, improvements, and personal property in the County.	Assessor
	Collects and distributes taxes. Collects business and regulatory license fees.	Tax Collector
Basic health services	Provides basic health services required by State law; for example, communicable disease control, public health nursing service, public health education, environmental sanitation services, tuberculosis control, and Health Officer's clinics.	Health
Bicycle license enforcement	Conducts bicycle licensing programs and inspections.	Sheriff
Building and Safety Code enforcement	Enforces cities' building, plumbing and electrical codes; makes all inspections and issues all permits and orders required by such enforcement.	Engineer
Business license enforcement	Insures that all individuals and companies doing business within the City have obtained and are maintaining applicable licenses.	Tax Collector
	Investigates licensed businesses for conformance with business license ordinances. Investigates applications for licenses.	Sheriff
Civil Defense staff Services	Organizes warden service for civil defense.	Civil Defense
Consolidation of elections	Adds city or special district measures to primary or general election ballots.	Registrar of Voters

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Emergency ambulance service	Answers police calls for emergency ambulance service; administers emergency medical aid. (County contracts with ambulance agencies and medical facilities for these services.)	General Hospital
Enforcement of city health ordinances	Enforces city's special health and sanitation ordinances. Provides rodent control service.	Health
Fire Protection	<p>Conducts fire prevention program including:</p> <p>Inspections of dwellings, commercial and industrial buildings, and special fire hazards such as oilfields and weed growths. Educational programs in schools and for the general public.</p> <p>Operates fire fighting services including:</p> <p>Fire stations and related facilities with specialized equipment and professionally trained personnel.</p> <p>Central communications and dispatching service.</p> <p>Analyzes fire causes and conducts research on methods and problems of fire fighting.</p> <p>Issues permits and licenses: for example, oil truck safety factors.</p> <p>Provides auxiliary service including post-fire investigations for cause, rescue work, consultant services.</p>	Fire Department
Industrial waste	<p>Controls commercial and industrial discharge of waste into sewers.</p> <p>Guards against pollution of surface and underground waters by industrial waste.</p> <p>Regulates rubbish and refuse disposal.</p>	Engineer

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Law enforcement	<p>Provides general 24-hour patrol service.</p> <p>Enforces traffic laws and maintains traffic flow.</p> <p>Conducts crime detection and prevention program.</p> <p>Furnishes auxiliary services including a basic criminal index and other records and statistics, two-way radio system, interlocking teletype system with other police agencies throughout California and adjoining states, photography and fingerprinting, and recruitment and training.</p> <p>Provides pre-sentence and post-sentence detention facilities, and auxiliary services such as booking, hospitalization, feeding, rehabilitation, and paroling of prisoners.</p>	Sheriff
Library services	<p>Renders complete service to the adult and juvenile reading public, including selection, order and purchase of books, a central book stock, readers' advisory service, teachers' library, cataloging of all books, etc.</p>	Library
Microfilm record storage	<p>Provides underground storage for microfilmed city records.</p>	Civil Defense
Park services	<p>Furnishes complete maintenance service for park facilities including craft maintenance of equipment and facilities, and installation of special events facilities.</p> <p>Offers park planning consultant services.</p>	Parks and Recreation
Personnel services	<p>Offers complete personnel services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classification of positions</li> <li>Recruitment programs</li> <li>Examinations</li> <li>Consultant services</li> </ul>	Civil Service



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Planning and zoning (staff services)	Processes tentative subdivision maps, requests for zone changes, zone exceptions, and special permits. Investigates zoning violations. Attends Council meetings on zoning as staff consultant.	Regional Planning Commission
	Prepares new record maps. Revises record maps.	County Engineer
Pound service	Licenses dogs. Enforces dog leashing ordinances. Impounds stray and unwanted animals. Investigates cases involving inhumane treatment of animals. Removes dead animals from public streets and private property.	Poundmaster
Prosecution of city ordinance violations	Furnishes services in connection with filing and prosecuting violations of city ordinances.	District Attorney
Recreation	Plans and provides supervision and leadership for athletic events, cultural activities, and various social events for all age groups. Provides lifeguard and beach maintenance services. Provides in-service training in recreation leadership. Offers consultant services of staff specialists to community upon request.	Parks and Recreation
Roadside tree	Provides complete services including issuance of permits, planting tree maintenance, and removal of dead and hazardous trees.	Parks and Recreation
Sample ballots	Addresses, inserts, and mails sample ballots to registered voters for elections in cities and special districts.	Registrar of Voters
School crossing guard service	Administers school crossing guard service	Sheriff

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Sewer construction	Makes survey, drafts plans, prepares specifications, etc. in connection with sanitary sewer improvements.	Engineer
Sewer maintenance	Conducts preventive maintenance against sewer stoppages and damages.	Engineer
Street construction --work other than ordinary maintenance & repairs	Includes: Construction and/or installation of streets, bridges, traffic signals, signs, markings, striping, and permanent sidewalk repairs; major street reconstruction or alterations; storm and flood relief measures; cleaning and sweeping of streets; engineering services in connection with traffic and lighting, road construction, construction permits and inspection, and subdivisions; roadside weed abatement.	Road
Street maintenance --ordinary maintenance and repairs	Maintains and/or repairs streets, bridges, traffic signals, warning and regulating signs and devices, traffic striping and street marking, and emergency sidewalk damage.	Road
Street lighting	Designs, installs, and maintains street lights.	Road
Subdivision map-checking	Checks the accuracy of survey and mathematical details of final subdivision maps.	Engineer

SUMMARY OF COSTS TO CITIES FOR COUNTY SERVICES

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>BASIS OF CHARGE</u>
1. Assessment and tax collection.	As regulated by State law, the County charges \$250 for the first \$25,000 of taxes collected plus 1/4 of 1 per cent of the balance of taxes collected.
2. Business license enforcement.	City pays enforcement personnel at predetermined hourly rates and auto mileage costs.
3. Civil Defense staff services.	City pays staff consultants at predetermined hourly rates and auto mileage costs.
4. Consolidation of elections and sample ballot addressing.	City pays for cost of adding city measures to general or primary election ballots.
5. Emergency ambulance service.	City pays County for ambulance service at so much per call.
6. Enforcement of city health ordinances.	Charge is based on number of inspections made at a standard unit cost.
Rodent control service.	A separate service not included in enforcement of city health ordinances. City pays actual costs for service.
7. Furnishing of assessment roll.	Charge is based on actual labor and materials costs.
8. General law enforcement.	City may request pre-incorporation standard of law enforcement for an equivalent amount collected from fines and forfeitures.
9. Industrial waste regulation -discharge into sanitary sewers.	No cost to treasury if city is in Sewer Maintenance District and if city council adopts County Sewer and Industrial Waste Ordinance, including plan-checking fee schedule.
10. Industrial waste regulation -discharge into dumps, washes, culverts, etc.	City pays actual cost for regulation and control.

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11. Microfilm record storage.	City pays nominal sum per year for each file unit used.
12. Parks maintenance (Local).	City pays actual costs for level of service requested.
13. Personnel services.	Cost based on number of city employees and extent of service required.
14. Planning and zoning staff services.	Cost based on type of service rendered. Fees charged to individuals usually reimburse the city.
15. Prisoner housing (for city ordinance violators).	City pays per diem rate for food and lodging of prisoners.
16. Prosecution of city ordinance violations.	City pays cost of services on an hourly basis.
17. Recreation services. After school playground)	City pays hourly personnel rate.
18. Roadside tree service.	City pays actual costs for services rendered.
19. School crossing guard service.	City pays actual costs for service.
20. Street maintenance and/or construction.	Charges made according to services rendered.
21. Traffic law enforcement.	City pays actual costs according to level of service requested.
22. Building and Safety Code enforcement.	Little or no cost to city. Applicants' fees usually cover costs of service.
23. Street lighting.	No cost if city remains in a Lighting or Lighting Maintenance District. Special District tax levy pays costs.
24. Pound service.	License fees pay costs of service.



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SPECIAL DISTRICTS

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>BASIS OF CHARGE</u>
25. Fire protection.	No cost to treasury if city is in a Fire Protection District. Special District tax pays costs.
26. Library service.	No cost to treasury if city is in County Library District. Special District tax pays costs.
27. Sewer construction.	No cost to city treasury. Special assessment is made on property affected by improvement.
28. Sewer Maintenance.	No cost if city is in Sewer Maintenance District.
29. Street lighting.	No cost if city remains in a Lighting or Lighting Maintenance District. Special District tax levy pays costs.